# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Alyssa Rogers,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No.:
v.	) )	
Mid Michigan Home Healthcare, Inc.	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

# **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Alyssa Rogers brings this case against Defendant Mid Michigan Home Healthcare, Inc., seeking unpaid overtime wages and other available relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. This Court has federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff has asserted a federal claim pursuant to the FLSA.
- 2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendant resides in this judicial district and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in this judicial district.

## **PARTIES**

## **Plaintiff**

3. Plaintiff Alyssa Rogers is an adult resident of Flint, Michigan. Rogers works as a Home Health Aid for Defendant. Plaintiff was not paid overtime compensation for hours she worked in excess of 40 in a workweek even though she regularly works more than 40 hours in a workweek.

- 4. At all relevant times, as an employee of Defendant, Plaintiff was engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as described in 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and 207. **Defendant**
- 5. Defendant Mid Michigan Home Healthcare, Inc. is a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business in Flint, Michigan. Defendant owns and operates the company in Flint, Michigan, where Plaintiff is employed.
- 6. At all relevant times, Defendant was an "enterprise engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce" within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(s).
- 7. At all relevant times, Defendant has employed two or more persons, including Plaintiff, "engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce," as defined in § 203(s)(1)(A)(i).
- 8. At all relevant times, Defendant achieved annual gross sales made or business done of not less than \$500,000.00 in accordance with § 203(s)(1)(A)(ii).
  - 9. Defendant issues paychecks to Plaintiff during her employment.
- 10. Defendant directed the work of Plaintiff and benefited from work performed that Defendant suffered or permitted from her.
- 11. Defendant did not pay Plaintiff overtime compensation for hours she worked for Defendant's benefit in excess of 40 hours in a workweek.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. From approximately May 2019 to present, Plaintiff works as a Home Health Aid for Defendant.
- 13. From the beginning of Plaintiff's employment to now, Defendant pays Plaintiff on an hourly basis.

- 14. Defendant tracks Plaintiff's hours worked by requiring her to clock in and out using a time tracking system on her phone.
- 15. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff regularly worked more than 40 hours per week. She did not receive overtime compensation for hours worked over 40 in a workweek.
- 16. Through its unlawful actions, Defendant has deprived Plaintiff of overtime wages, owed to her.
- 17. Defendant acted willfully in failing to pay overtime compensation to Plaintiff for hours worked over 40 in a workweek. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff was non-exempt and that he should have been paid overtime compensation for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

#### **COUNT I - FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

- 18. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as if alleged fully herein.
- 20. As set forth above, Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times her regular rate of pay owed to her during the three-year period preceding the filing of this Complaint violates the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 207.
- 21. Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff in accordance with the requirements of Section 207 of the FLSA was in willful disregard of the overtime wage compensation requirements of the FLSA.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court grant the following relief:

A. An award of all damages for unpaid wages and compensation due to Plaintiff under the FLSA;

- B. An award of liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b);
- C. A finding that Defendant's violations of the FLSA have been willful and that, therefore, the statute of limitations for the FLSA claim is three years;
- D. Attorneys' fees and costs;
- E. Pre- and post-interest; and
- F. Any other relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

Dated: August 12, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sergei Lemberg\_

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